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Reply to Attn of:

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FROM: Alternate Designated Agency Ethics Official

SUBJECT: Determination Regarding Attendance by NASA employees at the Futron Corporation's 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration on August 4, 2011

Futron Corporation will host its 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration on August 4, 2011, from 5 PM – 7 PM, at Maggiano's Little Italy, in Chevy Chase, Washington, D.C. This event will provide NASA employees an opportunity to discuss the mission and other NASA programs with representatives of the communities.

Approximately 275 people are expected to attend this event. Expected attendees include Federal and local government, industry representatives and trade associations. The cost of food will include refreshments valued at approximately \$20 per person.

In accordance with 5 C.F.R. § 2635.204(g), and 14 C.F.R. § 1207.103, I find that the event meets the definition of a "widely attended gathering." I further find that there is an agency interest in having NASA employees attend the event, as they will have the opportunity to further agency programs and operations through the exchange of views and information with other attendees.

Accordingly, NASA employees who have been invited to attend may accept free attendance at the event. They may also accept invitations for accompanying spouses or guests. However, NASA employees whose duties may substantially affect the sponsors, such as by way of procurement duties, should seek an individual determination pursuant to 5 C.F.R. § 2635.204(g)(3)(i) regarding participation in this event from their local ethics counselor. Moreover, NASA employees serving in non-career positions for which the President's Executive Order of January 21, 2009, requires signing an ethics pledge must reimburse the event sponsors for any refreshments they consume.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Adam F. Greenstone", written over a horizontal line.

Adam F. Greenstone